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EDITORIAL

Looking forward to summer! after a cold winter it will be good to have warmer days and lighter evenings. Swavesey festival is the perfect way to enjoy the mid-summer. Lots of events and activities - see inside your Meridian for details.

However whilst we all enjoy the warmer weather please consider those around you when planning your barbeque - one mans barbeque smoke is another's pollution!

Still feeling sluggish after winter? walking is a great way to get out and about and it is free! if you have a cycle use it to get to St Ives instead of the bus, if you use a mobility scooter the path alongside the busway is good and you can access some of the lakes in the area.

The deadline for articles and adverts is 20th April for the June/July issue.
Editor

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Inside Back Cover -Over Day Centre Walks
Back Cover - The Stone Flower

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

28 April 2018	Camera Club	Annual Exhibition in Swavesey Memorial Hall
12 May 2018	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	The Stone Flower 3.15pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
17 June 2018	Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans football club 2018 Sporting Day. 11.00 – 17.30 Swavesey Pavilion and Green. Contact Neil Jordison 01954 204390
07 July 2018	Swavesey Festival	Gala Day on the Green
14 December 2018	St Andrews	A Medieval Evening with music by Hexachordia and a medieval Mystery Play.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
Thursday 29	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 30	St Andrews Church	Easter weekend. Easter Lilies in the Lady Chapel
Saturday 31	St Andrews Church	Easter weekend. Easter Lilies in the Lady Chapel
April		
Sunday 1	St Andrews Church	Easter weekend. Easter Lilies in the Lady Chapel
Saturday 7	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Saturday)
Wednesday 11	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting (This meeting is a meeting of the electorate and NOT a Parish Council meeting)7.30pm in the Memorial
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meetings - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Friday 13	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
Wednesday 18	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	The Bluebells of Hayley Wood. Walk led by Richard Dowsett, Warden at Hayley Wood. Meet at 2.00PM for 2.15PM
Thursday 19	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council Meetings held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 26	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 28	Camera Club	Annual Exhibition in Swavesey Memorial Hall
May		
Thursday 3	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 11	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
Friday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Exploring Trumpington Meadows with Iain Webb. Meet at 2.00PM for 2.15PM
Saturday 12	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	The Stone Flower 3.15pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College. Book on 01954 200533 or tutusrus@ntlworld.com
Thursday 17	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 21	Parish Council	Annual Parish Council (AGM)
Thursday 24	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
June		
Friday 1	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
Saturday 2	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Summer Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy Sale of Plants, Produce & Cakes 10.30am – 12.30pm at Swavesey Bethel Baptist Church

CLUB REPORTS

SWAVESEY W.I.

Dates for Diary 2018

APRIL 9th — **The Work of S.O.S. Villages. Talk by Marthe de Ferrer**

MAY 14th — **"POINTLESS"!**

JUNE 11th — **"It's On The Cards". Talk by Vanessa Mann.**

April marks the start of a new programme for Swavesey W.I. We have an excellent mix of meetings for the next few months and hopefully you will be encouraged to come along and join us.

Swavesey Festival will soon be upon us and our W.I. will be found on Gala Day serving Tea and cakes on the Green. We hope you will come along and taste our delicious selection of cakes and meet us!

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Visit the Memorial Hall noticeboard which is kept up to date with all our news. You can also find us at Compass Cafe every second Thursday of the month serving homemade cakes and fresh coffee.

For more information about any of our meetings, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897.
www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

Attention all clubs, societies, advertisers and contributors

Please can I ask all our clubs, societies, advertisers and contributors of articles to make sure we have your current email address/phone numbers and person in charge information?

We have had a few instances where we have tried to contact people only for them to not receive anything because they have not kept us updated!

I know clubs/societies etc. change personnel, often every year, so please let us know.

Businesses also have changes of personnel or change their Internet providers so please keep us in the loop!

Thanks
Editor

Plot holders sought from Boxworth End

It is very noticeable that most of the 60 plot holders on Hale Road allotments are from the northern part of the village, such as Black Horse Lane, High Street, Moat Way, Priory Avenue, Thistle Green and Middle Watch etc. It makes sense really when you think of the short travel distance. Conversely, nine plot holders live outside Swavesey, travelling from Willingham and beyond. Even though there are allotment sites closer to home, these nine are members of our site by choice because ours has superior facilities including a large car park, water tanks within 35 metres of any plot and rabbit/deer fencing all round. We usually have AmeyCespa compost (soil improver) and/or cattle manure/horse poo available to all plot holders in our car park throughout the year. The National Allotment Society (NAS) increasingly recognises the Hale Road site as a centre of excellence and they readily take reports, stories and photographs from us in their magazine.

So it is a mystery as to why we have only 2 plot holders from Boxworth End plus another 2 from Pine Grove Park. It can't be because they grow vigorous fruit and vegetables in their gardens at home since the soil in Boxworth end is heavy, dark grey Ampthill clay. We allow sheds on our site so a spade, fork, hoe, watering can, shears, wheelbarrow etc. can be stored there and sheds give somewhere to shelter when it rains. A favourite feature of our site, especially with the children, is our waterless, odour-free toilet which we installed in summer 2016 at a cost of slightly under £11,000, mainly supplied by a grant from The Big Lottery Fund. New for 2018 season - we now have solar powered lighting inside. Many plot holders take a flask and sandwiches in order to stay on site for 4 or 5 hours, especially those travelling some distance and this method of working would suit Boxworth End residents.

We decided at the start that a plot size of 10 poles, as recommended by the NAS was imprudently large for Swavesey residents and carried the risk that unused land would become weedy. So we went for half that size and settled on plots with dimensions of 22 m X 5.7 m (24 yds X 6¼ yds). All plot holders are relieved that we reduced the size and agree this is big enough to grow plenty of fresh food while not being so big that digging in autumn and weed control throughout the season become difficult tasks. We also have several half-size plots.

Boxworth End residents would find that the main advantage of having an allotment plot is that we have very fresh vegetables and fruit harvested on the day which taste much better than produce from the supermarket. The next major benefit, especially if spending several hours on site, is that it allows us to keep active in the fresh air and physically fit.

April and May are the busiest months of the year on an allotment. Plot holders who followed good practice and got their land dug before Christmas, to allow the frost in, have easily managed to form a seedbed for planting a wide range of crops from beetroot to early runner beans. Now into our sixth year the rhubarb, asparagus, raspberries, strawberries, currants (of all colours) and gooseberries are all well established and soon to crop heavily.

In early spring all of our plots were taken but on a 60-plot site there will inevitably be vacancies later. So if you live in Boxworth End and are interested, contact Selwyn on 01954 202974 or e-mail selwyn.richardson1@gmail.com.

Rhubarb and Ginger Crumble (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

In the pie.

900 g (2 lb) rhubarb

100 g (4 oz) sugar

1 tsp grated fresh ginger

Grated zest of 1 orange.

Crumble topping.

50 g (2 oz) chopped almonds

100 g (4 oz) butter

200 g (8 oz) flour (self-raising or plain)

1 level tsp ground ginger

2 level tsp ground cinnamon

100 g (4 oz) Demerara sugar.

Method

1. Prepare the rhubarb by washing and cutting into chunks approximately 2.5 cm long. Then toss them in a bowl with the sugar, grated orange zest and ginger. Place into an ovenproof dish, making it as flat as possible.
2. Make the crumble by rubbing the butter into the flour, cinnamon and ginger until it resembles even breadcrumbs. Stir in chopped almonds and Demerara sugar.
3. Spoon the crumble mix over the rhubarb.
4. Bake in oven at 200C/400 F or Gas 6 for approximately 35 minutes until the rhubarb is soft and the crumble is crisp.

Swavesey & District History Society

January meeting

In St Martin's Place, just outside the north-east corner of Trafalgar Square, is a 3 m high statue of Edith Cavell in her nurse's uniform. Over 40 members and visitors attended the meeting where the Society's Chairman, Carole Pook told the 1st World War story of Edith Cavell - Saviour or Spy?

She was born in 1865 in Swardeston, near Norwich where her father was vicar for 45 years. After leaving school she was a governess for several families until the age of 30 both in the UK and, from 1890 to '95, in Belgium. In 1895 she returned to care for her father during a serious illness and on his recovery she applied to become a nurse probationer at the London Hospital. In 1907, Cavell was recruited by Dr Antoine Depage to be matron of a newly established nurse training school in Belgium. In July 1914 she returned to her mother for her annual holiday but when German troops invaded Belgium in August she willingly went back to Belgium.

Edith cared for all the wounded, regardless of nationality. However, she soon began to work with others to smuggle the Allied soldiers under her care, out of the hospital and across the border to neutral Holland which was easy to achieve in the early days. The group also assisted Belgian and French civilians of military age to get to countries where they could join up against the Germans. Edith had close contact with Prince Réginald de Croy at his château near Mons, a patriot who provided them with false papers and money. Another in the group, Philippe Baucq, provided them with guides. This placed Cavell in violation of German military law.

She was arrested on 3 August 1915 and held in Saint-Gilles prison for ten weeks. She was prosecuted as a traitor for aiding British and French soldiers, in addition to young Belgian men, to cross the border and eventually enter Britain. It is believed that she saved the lives of over 200 men thanks to her bravery.

Edith was shot for treason, not for spying as often claimed, at 7:00 am on 12 October 1915. Belgian women immediately buried her body next to Saint-Gilles Prison. After the War, her body was taken back to Britain for a memorial service at Westminster Abbey then transferred to Norwich, to be laid to rest on the east side of Norwich cathedral.

February Talk

We had an exceptionally good talk on "The History of Cambridge in ONE Hole", by Alison Dickens of Cambridge University Archaeologists Dept (CUAD), where all who attended were intrigued by the Talk's title, what did it mean?

It transpires that Cambridge City Council had to dig fifteen 3 metre by 12 metre deep wide holes around Chesterton and Madingley roads, in order to check out the sewers condition in preparation to add more buildings on Madingley road. As is normal with new buildings, if anyone digs down it has to be excavated and when CUAD had dug through 14 holes and found nothing they were disheartened, but when they dug in the 15th hole at Chesterton lane it was a very different story!

As they dug down and got rid of the modern top layer they came to the first medieval level and found a small amount of items, but when they cleaned up to the 3 metre concrete edge they struck lucky and out fell nearly 1900 coins! These were mostly silver pennies but some gold coins too and thankfully these are now on display at the Fitzwilliam Museum. The next layer down was the Saxon period and here they found a grave with body remains, but unfortunately the skulls were displaced and when CUAD did x-rays on them they realised this was an execution grave, not so nice!

The final layer was the Roman layer where they found the edge of a Roman road and pottery artefacts, and on investigation found that the road lined up nearly exactly with Castle Hill and the road to Huntingdon, she said this obviously was the old Roman Road and amazingly still in line after well over 1000 years!

She went on to show some early photos of Castle street crossroads and we saw how much narrower it was, and how in 1911 they took down a set of shops to widen Northampton street and Chesterton lane for the new motorcar! She concluded by displaying photos of the monument pole and plaque that were erected on the corner of the path of Castle Hill crossroads, which shows the four dig levels on the pole and a worthy description of what was found on the plaque wall. She went on to say that this ONE hole produced an amazing amount of findings and the CUAD team were ecstatic.

giving nature a home

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

Spring Events 2018

Spring into action at our nature reserves!

We are running the following activities at our reserves during Spring.

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

Spring willow weaving workshop

Sunday 13 May

10am-4pm

Make a garden obelisk about six feet high to grow climbing plants such as runner beans/sweet peas.
Booking is essential. Please call on 01954 233260 or email fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk to reserve your place.
Non-member £25, RSPB member £20.

Wild challenge

Sun 29 April, Sun 6 May, Mon 28 May

10am-4pm

Go lake dipping and bug hunting to discover the magnificent minibeasts that call our reserve home.
Non-member £2, RSPB member £1.50.

Birds for beginners

Sunday 20 May

10am-2pm *(including a stop for lunch)*

Go wander around the reserve to find out how to identify, and learn about, different songbirds/passerines.
Booking is essential. Please call on 01954 233260 or email fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk to reserve your place.
Non-member £8, RSPB member £6.50.

Also, at RSPB Ouse Fen…

Reed bed safari

Saturday 21 April: **8am-10am**
Friday 11 May: **6pm-8pm**

Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

Sunday 20 May: **7.30am-9.30am**
Friday 22 June: **6.30pm-8.30pm**

Join an Ouse Fen warden for an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Hanson-RSPB wetland project. See how the reserve progresses from a hole in the ground to a thriving reed bed with marsh harriers, bitterns and bearded tits. To book please email hannah.bernie@rspb.org.uk or phone 01954 233263 or 07590486015.
Non-member £30, RSPB member £24 per person.

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Helping to give nature a home

Longstanton Bowls Club

March 2018

Spring is here at last with the longer evenings and warmer weather, and as usual at this time of year Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members. Do you fancy some gentle exercise on a summer's evening? It doesn't matter if you haven't played Lawn Bowls before as we have plenty of members always willing to provide help and guidance. Everyone is welcome and our membership ranges from juniors to retirees and novices to experienced players.

We have many members from surrounding villages, including Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Oakington, Bar Hill and Cottenham. Don't worry about equipment, as the club can assist with this – just wear flat shoes. We pride ourselves in being a friendly club where the enjoyment comes from taking part. The game of bowls provides an opportunity to make new friends, take gentle exercise and socialise over a "bowls tea" at the end of the match. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton Pavilion and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment, ideal for beginners. We also have a fun league on Thursday afternoons where you get points just for turning up! Teams are drawn on the day and you get extra points if your team wins any of the short games.

The club plays in a number of inter-club leagues, some of which are more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other club's greens and facilities in the Cambridge area. Most of our league matches are on the light summer evenings, starting at 6:30pm. There is also an afternoon league with matches starting at 2pm with a break for tea and biscuits halfway through, so it is all very sociable!

There is plenty of bowls to suit everyone – over 110 matches this season, plus our regular club nights and internal club competitions – so why not come along and give it a try? The outdoor season runs from late April to September. If you're tempted, please come along to our open day on Saturday, 14th April 2018 (from 2pm) or alternatively, on any Monday evening (from 6pm) to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.

For more information visit contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email to marionedwards1@btinternet.com Also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk

Longstanton Grasshoppers Cricket Club

Friday Night Training :- 6.00pm to 7.30pm April 20 to July 27
Ages 7 to 13 year olds

Tuesday Night Training :- - 6.00pm to 7.30pm April 17 to July 24
Ages 14/15 year olds

SWAVESEY SPARTANS FC

2017/18 season. Swavesey Spartans are now well past the halfway point in the season with all of the teams playing good football and most winning their fair share of games. More importantly the club continues to prosper with over 230 players (boys and girls) ranging from those in school year one up to those just about to leave Swavesey Village College involved. As you read this the teams are likely to be playing their final few fixtures of the season with few postponements in the winter there should be no end of season backlog to manage. With the clocks springing forward you will see players practicing on the Green on midweek nights with the focus of the sessions turning to the small sided (normally 5 or 6 a side) summer tournaments that occur all over the region which are generally enjoyable for coaches, players and parents. It will then be onto World Cup 2018 for a month from mid June onwards before July involves governance and registration for the 2018/19 season which starts as soon as the children return for school in September.

Futsal is the latest small indoor sided game to be promoted to help develop skill levels across the football community. The earlier children master the skills the better players they become so participation in the latest round of Cambridgeshire FA tournaments was attractive made more so in that it was hosted in the "new gym" at Swavesey Village College which has a futsal pitch marked on its floor and which the club rents sometimes. Futsal is fast paced and tiring but significantly helps with player development. The key features of the game with its origins in South America are:-

- a match is 2 x 20 minutes of actual playing time. The clock is stopped every time the ball goes out of play and is restarted when play resumes.
- unlimited substitutions a maximum squad of 14 players with five players on the pitch concurrently (a goalkeeper and four outfield players) and nine substitutes. There is no restriction on the number of substitutions which may be made at any time, whether the ball is in play or not, but only in the substitution zones.
- a substitute player may replace a sent-off player and enter the pitch two full minutes after the sending-off. They may, however, enter the pitch before the two minutes have elapsed should their team concede a goal while a player down.
- restarts are to be completed within 4 seconds of a player receiving the ball after any stoppage in play. Goalkeepers are free to play anywhere on the pitch (rush goalie to many) and throw the ball beyond the halfway line.
- accumulated fouls are those penalised with a direct free-kick or penalty kick, regardless of whether advantage has been played or not. If a team commits a sixth accumulated foul, the opposing side may take the subsequent free-kick awarded to them without a wall, from the second penalty mark, which is positioned four metres behind the usual spot
- No offsides and therefore no Video Assistant Referees (VARs) to slow us down and add confusion.…

Cambridge United play in League 2 of the Football League and have invited a small number of local clubs to partner with them. Swavesey Spartans accepted their invitation. Spartans benefit through support at training and club events. United hope to secure more supporters, the Spartans players may become fans for life, and of course they hope they will spot a star player in our club. Cambridge United are in mid-table in League 2 after two thirds of their season and in February Head Coach and former Premier League footballer Shaun Derry left the club and

Joe Dunne and Mark Bonner are leading the attempt to secure promotion into English football's third tier. The change of Head Coach followed the departures of Chairman Dave Doggett and Chief Executive Jez George - Spartans are unlikely to be able follow the lead of the Us as although present incumbents may think it a good idea, history would suggest securing volunteers to replace them would be challenging..... That said, if you want to join us please get in touch - details are in the Club Information section of this magazine

Spartans Day will be as usual held on Father's Day on Swavesey Green. This village event encourages families to socialise with gazebos and picnic blankets as the players demonstrate their skills in small sided intra-club matches. The event starts in the late morning with games concluding around 1600, the raffle and the annual presentations to players then follow aiming to finish by 1730. The date for your calendar is 17 June this year. Food and soft drinks are available to buy, anyone fancying a stronger drink will need to bring it with them as there is no bar.

Man vs Fat Football is for males, aged over 16, overweight and with a Body Mass Index of 27.5 and above. The new football orientated way to lose weight through football arrives in Cambridge every Monday night from 1830 at the Abbey Leisure Centre. Men apply, generally individually, and are allocated into a team. Weight loss (or gain) is recorded weekly on an individual basis but brings rewards (or penalties) for the team you have been allocated to. Players then play for their allocated team on a 6 a side basis for 30 minutes and that result is recorded. At the end of a 14 week season the "weight" league, the "pitch" league and the "combined" league tables are finalised. The second set of 2018 season games will be starting in mid April, so if this interests you look on your local search engine for more information.

Enter Swavesey Camera Club's
Photographic Competition
Swavesey Camera Club
One of the leading clubs in East Anglia
Our aim is to encourage photography amongst everyone in the local community. This is open to non-professionals and can be any subject in 3 categories; junior school, senior school and adults.
Just email your JPEG file (less than 5MB) with the title, your name, school (if applicable) and email address to swaveseycomp@ntlworld.co.uk
Adult prize of 1 year's membership to SCC (worth £63) and cash prizes of £25 to the two junior winners. No more than four images per entrant. The closing date for entries is Sat April 21st 2018. Winning entries will be displayed at our Annual Exhibition on Sat 28th April 2018 in the Swavesey Memorial Hall.
See more details at our website www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KID

The main show-stopper of our year is here again, our Annual Exhibition and Open Photographic Competition, on April 28th, when not only can you view the best work of our members but also all the excellent entries sent in by those from our local community. If you look through your magazine you will find all the details, including the three categories: junior school age, senior school age and adults. We are always delighted to see how our younger competitors show such promise, and hope our competitions help to encourage everyone no matter how young to enjoy all that photography has to offer.

Not only are we opening our doors for this special day but we have a special photographic event on May 3rd when we will be selling tickets for an evening with the very well-known Roger Hance. He has won many awards and fellowships, and will be bringing along a wide-ranging selection of his work, landscapes, sport, portraits, photojournalism and more. Please look out for posters around the village for his talk 'The Law of Averages Says.'

Later on April 12th we have a full evening devoted to our own members, each allowed 15 minutes to present their own favourite topics, expertise or photographic passions. On 15th April we hope to have a sunny day on a club trip to Hunstanton: all the fun of the seaside, striped cliffs, and even a sunset, being the only resort in East Anglia to face west.

Cambridge is often voted one of the top places to live in UK. On 19th May we can enjoy an evening with Martin Bond; thousands of photographs are taken of our city throughout the year, but Martin attempts to capture something beyond the ordinary, with his talk, A Cambridge Diary.'

Another photographer looking for something outside the ordinary is Chris Palmer, not mimicking others work but looking for what he himself finds of particular interest. 'The Prints and the Paper.' on May 17th.

On 5th April we will host a friendly competition with St Neots Camera Club: twelve prints and twelve projected images, a chance to show the work of many more of our members than usual. We have three internal competitions too, the last of our Set Subjects is on 26th April, 'Within Five Miles from Home'. It is fortunate that we live in such an interesting area with picturesque buildings, many social events and superb opportunities for studies of wild life. On May 10th we will have another opportunity to see the winning entries for this year's competitions and decide on the overall winner, which will be voted 'Image of the Year.'

To finish we have our newest challenge, the 'Pairs Competition'. This is an innovative idea when our most successful members pair up with maybe equally talented but less experienced, probably newer, members, exchanging ideas on a joint photo-shoot.

It will be a very busy couple of months and we hope to have the extra pleasure of sharing several of these events with you.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

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Annual Photographic Exhibition

With our Annual Spring Exhibition now an established event in the Swavesey year, this is our opportunity to demonstrate our skills to the public. Participation by all is encouraged and in addition to prints, there will be a continuous display of projected images and AV presentations. Greetings cards will be on sale with all the proceeds from the card sales going to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

As in previous years we host an Open Photographic Competition within our Annual Exhibition. Our aim is to encourage photography amongst everyone in the local community. The Competition is open to any non-professional photographers and can be on any subject (but no selfies). Prizes will be awarded in three categories; junior school age, senior school age and adults.

Saturday 28th April 2018
Open from 10am to 5pm
Memorial Hall, High St.,
Swavesey, CB24 4QU

Further details can be found on our website: www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

VILLAGE NEWS

Swavesey Festival 2018

SWAVESEY PEOPLES' HISTORY

Since our theme for the festival this year is "Swavesey through the Ages" I thought it would be a nice idea to initiate a Peoples' History project. Quite simply, I am appealing for anyone who has a short tale to tell about an interesting event, incident, character or place in the village that we could use in the festival. If you have a favourite place in the village I would like to come and take a photograph of you there to accompany your tale.

If anyone is interested please contact me on the email address below or, if you prefer to do it the old fashioned way, drop me a line or put a note through the door.

simonshore99@gmail.com
122 Boxworth End CB24 4RA.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.

To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

First prize	**60**	Natalie Rudderham	Richard Fuller
Second prize	30	Margaret Springer	Ian Smyte
Third prize	15	Vera Doggett	Hannah Parish

Thriving Community Market Looks Forward to a Bumper 2018

Over Village Market is a successful community enterprise, showcasing local artisans, which has attracted a growing number of customers and stallholders since the inaugural market in October 2015.

2018 Market dates:
27 January 10 March 28 April 16 June 8 September 13 October 24 November
Website: www. Overvillagemarket.co.uk
Facebook: www.Facebook.com/OverVillageMarket
Twitter: @overvillmarket

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2018

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Open Gardens in Swavesey. Sat 30 June and Sun 1 July

Soon after this magazine drops through your letterbox in spring, several gardeners will be deciding if they will open their gardens to viewing by Swavesey residents in 2018. At the time of writing the dates of 30 June and 1 July are about the only fixed fact of this popular activity which is part of Open Swavesey Weekend.

There were 11 open gardens in 2016 and we hope to have a few more in 2018. They are likely to range from the windmill, allotments, Swan Pond area in the north to the Boxworth End Farm area in the south. New locations are being investigated including Home Close and Pine Grove Park. Some will be extensive with much flowing vegetation while others will be compact and packed with interest. At least 2 will have taken part in every Swavesey Festival since the first in 2008 while a thatched cottage will open its gardens for the first time. If the weather is pleasant this will be a very busy activity. Full details, including a location map, will be included in the Festival Passport in due course.

Village Show in the Marquee on Saturday 7 July

One of the many highlights of Swavesey Festival is the Village Show in the marquee on Gala Day. This year there are 52 Entry Classes which are listed on pages 16 to 18 in the Feb/March issue of The Meridian. Compass Café customers were studying the list together when The Meridian was hot off the press. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have been considering whether to cook something, decorate something or make a Lego model.

A collage of the village sign is considered challenging for the youngsters while a piece of jewellery involving beads is bound to be popular again. The show is a couple of weeks later this year which should provide a wider choice of flowers, likely to result in more than the 32 entries of last time in Classes 1 to 5. Similarly, blackcurrants, carrots and peas will be more advanced. There are 7 Classes within the home baking section and the set-recipe Somerset cider and apple cake has already attracted much attention. The handicraft section leaves much scope for imagination with a knitted item and an item made for a child.

Paper copies of the Village Show regulations, Classes, exhibit fees and entry form will be available in summer but they are already available now on the Festival website at swavesey-festival.co.uk, so when you have decided you can print off the Entry Form and get it in with payment to either of our to reception points in the village.

Swavesey Festival 2018

30th JUNE – 8th JULY

GALA DAY ON THE GREEN 7TH JULY

Theme for 2018; "Swavesey through the Ages"

The days are drawing out, the weather warming up, summer is coming and in no time it will be time for our biannual Swavesey Festival.
Much of the programme has been settled with some familiar and some new events. Things to look forward to will be;

- **Scarecrows** (on the theme of "Swavesey through the ages")
- **Village trail** (on the same theme)
- **Quilters and Art exhibition** in the primary school
- **1940s style café** in the Memorial Hall together with a **Circus Workshop** and more.
- **Exhibition at St. Andrew's Church** about historic Swavesey
- **Open gardens & allotments**
- **Evening concert** featuring the Community Choir & Kate Woolf.
- **History Walk**
- **Cycle Ride**
- **Storytime** at the Library
- **Screening** of "Any Major Dude" dir. By Mike Swain
- **Family Concert** at SVC
- **Open Air Theatre**- "The Importance of being Ernest" by The Pantaloons
- **Parade, Gala Day** and the village **Produce Show**
- **Music on the Green** featuring "Grape Marmalade", "Glamtastic" and many more.
- **Dog Show**
- **Craft Fair.**

Your next copy of "The Meridian" will contain a full programme together with details of times and venues and how to obtain tickets. If you would like to book tickets in advance for anything please contact me - details below. We will, as before, produce a "passport" for a small fee which will give access to the exhibitions, gardens and some events. Other events are ticketed; most of the entry fees are very reasonable and are simply charged to cover our costs.

Details can be found on the festival website swavesey-festival.co.uk (please note new website has hyphen between the swavesey and festival). You can also obtain entry forms for Gala Day pitches, Village Show and "100" club from this site. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Because of time constraints for printing this is now my last call for any further events for the festival and Gala Day Pitches if you want it advertised in the programme. In addition we continue to look for sponsors and new members for the "100 club" and remember to support the fundraising events at the Windmill. Finally, if you need a performance slot on Gala Day in the afternoon for a music or other act please contact me as soon as possible.

A lot of work has gone into preparing a very full week of activities. Please come along to as many events as you can - I think we are in for an excellent week.

Please feel free to contact me about any of the above;
via email at simonshore99@gmail.com
or telephone 01954 230848
or the old fashioned way- drop me a note at 122 Boxworth End CB24 4RA.

Simon Shore - Swavesey Festival Committee

The Library continues to welcome all comers to use our facilities.

We have regular special events

Many youngsters enjoyed our Lego morning

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters and notices on Swavesey Village life.

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	202707	Sarah Hellon	230960
Jacqui Fuller	230774	Sue Jones	230650
John Pook	230978	Doug and Lorraine Hunt	232478

Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

John Shepperson – 60 years as a Feoffee

On Thursday 8th February 2018, the Trustees of the Thomas Galon Charity of Swavesey held an event to recognise and thank Mr John Shepperson for his 60 years as a Trustee of the Charity.

A plaque to be hung in the Memorial Hall was presented to John at The Compass Café with many residents of the village attending to join in the celebration.

The Thomas Galon Charity has been in existence in Swavesey for four hundred and ninety years. It was set up to help the needy of the village by distributing revenue raised by letting out land previously owned by Thomas Galon. In April 1957 a young John Shepperson agreed to become a Trustee, or as this Trust prefers, a Feoffee, to work alongside such village greats as Mr. Charlie Parish and Mr. Charles Cole. John served without a break until November 2017, 60 years, an amazing achievement and surely must be a record. But this is not the whole story, for 41 of those years John was Chairman to the Trustees.

In his time as Chairman John was instrumental in making the Trust more relevant to modern society by helping to establish the Trust's Energy Grant. In the 1950's sacks of coal were distributed to those deemed to be in need. These were mostly elderly widows. This distribution became something of an embarrassment when the Local Council provided sheltered housing with gas fired central heating for these ladies. The solution was to make a monetary gift instead and in due course this developed into what is now the Trust's Energy Grant.

It is difficult to believe now but in those early years of John's service the Galon Charity was having great difficulty in letting their allotments in Hale Road and the site was becoming a mess. Trustees decided to let the land in one parcel to a local farmer, but by the turn of the century the Parish Council was coming under huge pressure to satisfy a renewed demand by villagers for allotments. So although John had reservations because of his earlier experiences he encouraged the Trustees to take 2.5 acres of land out of agricultural use along the Hale Road and let it be developed into the thriving allotment site we have today, taking that land back full circle.

The Trustees thank John for his support and time over the past 60 years in helping to manage the Trust and bring its support to local residents in line with modern living.

Austin Day, Chairman of the Thomas Galon Charity

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

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Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington to book your Thursday: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2018:

29th March, 31st May, 30th August & 29th November

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There is a little surplus money left in the kitty at the end of each year. If you are a village group fundraising for a particular item, or would like a little extra cash for your group then please contact caroline@overroad.co.uk

BUT I THOUGHT YOU HAD THEM!

We have all at some time found ourselves in a situation where each thought the other had something essential only to find that neither of you has.

Imagine if you can the following scenario:

We arrived at a camp site in France late afternoon on a Sunday.

We pitched up and then a car towing a caravan with Dutch number plates arrived on the pitch next to us. The couple got out and then proceeded to search their pockets and the inside of the car looking more and more worried as they did so. It became obvious that neither of them had the keys to the caravan door so they could not get in! Nor could they access the locker at the front to get to their other equipment!

Much scratching of heads and waving of arms - then the man went in search of help.

He went to another Dutch caravan and asked if they could help plus a French one and both came along with bunches of keys in case one might have one that would fit. The woman in the meantime was trying to break into the caravan by opening the window over the kitchen area which had not got a lock like the rest. It was quite a narrow window and the only way for her to reach was by standing on the wheel luckily she was tall.

By now there was quite an international rescue operation playing out, Dutch, French, English all trying to find a way round the dilemma.

No keys that fitted so that left the window as the only possibility. Obviously they did not want to try to break in the door as then it would have been unable to be closed and it was trying to rain!

One of the other campers who had been trying to help then returned with a length of bent wire which had a hook on one end. Interesting we thought; either he had been a policeman, a soldier or had a mis-spent youth! Patiently he inserted it wriggled it and eventually hooked the window catch – he pulled and… the catch released. This made the other catch much easier to do and in a few minutes the window was open.

The Dutch lady then proceeded to climb on the wheel and wriggle her way in the window head first so we had a view of a long pair of legs(in jeans!) disappearing through the window. She got in opened the door and then the rescue party dispersed.

Only later did one of us say "I suppose it was their caravan!

Make a will, help transform patient care

Making or updating your will can seem like a big challenge. However, it can be a lot more affordable and straightforward than you may think.

Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust's annual Make a Will Week takes place this year from 23rd to 27th April. A group of local solicitors and will-writers have kindly agreed to waive their usual fees and write or update a simple will, in return for you making a donation to change patients' lives at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals.

To find out more, simply call Alice on 01223 254841,
email hello@act4addenbrookes.org.uk or
visit www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/makeawill.

Extracts from the Swavesey Surgery February Newsletter

Website address : www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk You can use our website to;
register as a new patient, find our opening times, order repeat medications, book doctors' appointments, and much more…….

Patient Reference Group
We are delighted that we are celebrating the 5 year anniversary of the Swavesey Surgery Patient Reference Group. The group meet every 3 months on a Friday at 4pm for an hour, to discuss what developments are happening in the practice and to offer suggestions and ideas. One of our members attends the regional patient group meeting to make sure that our voice is heard.

Since the start of the group some of the changes that have been implemented with the support of the group are:

- Annual patient survey – the group have been key in the format and content included in the survey.
- All outcomes and actions from the surveys have been discussed with them and implemented with their approval.
- Staff picture board re-instated at their request.
- Reviewed the appointments system
- Assisted with the design of the new surgery signage.
- Involved in the CQC inspection – providing feedback on behalf of the patients.
- Members consulted over the re-design of reception area.
- Members kept informed of the Northstowe development and how it will affect our practice.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS…….!! We need new members to join our meetings so that we can continue interacting and have a more informed view of our patient population.

The patient group is a vital, valued group. If you have one hour a few times a year we would love to hear from you.

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk
for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Extracts from the Over Surgery February Newsletter

Welcome
We are delighted to announce that Dr Mary Cusack will be joining us as a regular GP from the end of February, she will be working Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

Retirements
Lesley Bowring and Carole Spelzini, practice nurses, are both retiring at the end of March. I am sure you will all join us in wishing them a very happy retirement, they will be missed by us all.

We are currently looking to recruit nurse(s) to support Elaine Dockrill who will continue to work two days per week.

Pharmacist Support – Self Care
We would like to remind you that our Pharmacist, Eva Burditt, is available to offer advice and prescribe for minor illnesses including coughs, colds, sore throats, chest infections, check ear infections, rashes etc. You can request a private consultation where Eva can answer questions or discuss any concerns regarding your medication. Eva also carries out annual medication reviews.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

Check out our new class: RS Rockets

Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning? Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

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DBS CHECKED "PREVENT" TRAINED
DETAILS www.abmschoolofdance.co.uk
CLASSES ALSO IN GIRTON HISTON & COTTENHAM

Sudoku

Answer on page 28

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Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am.
Family with one child, £3.
More than one child, £4.
Under 6 months. £2.

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Adult learning courses offer the chance to explore an interest, skill or hobby, develop specialist skills you can use in business, and are a way of meeting people and enjoying learning. Here at Swavesey Village College we offer a wide variety of different courses, come and join us for the summer term.

You can help with the cost of someone's special day with our Wedding Buttonholes workshop

Learn to play the **Guitar** or **Mandolin** in our absolute beginners' classes.

New languages for the new term: **Mandarin, French** and **Latin** all for beginners.

Active classes available include **Legs, Bums & Tums, Over 50's Dance Fitness, Pilates & Yoga.**

Discover new cooking skills with our **Simple & Delicious Vegetarian Cookery** course

Saturday workshops will be running on 23rd June including Summer Landscapes Watercolour, Pen and Ink - for beginners and improvers, Blues Guitar & Emergency First Aid at Work and many more....

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

Sudoku

Answer for page 26

8	2	7	9	4	1	6	5	3
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5	6	3	7	1	2	9	8	4
6	5	2	4	7	9	1	3	8
7	8	1	3	6	5	4	9	2
4	3	9	1	2	8	5	6	7

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All
By the time you get this election fever for District and Parish elections should be well established. I would love it if you vote for me but even more important is to VOTE. Many in the world do not have a say in the way their country is run - you do.

Many of you will have noted that the Byways are in a much poorer state than we normally expect. This is because they are usually repaired by the people who use them to access their land or stables with the help of South Cambs District Council who purchases plainning (the road toppings which are removed when the road is resurfaced) and gets them delivered to site. Unfortunately, one of the unintentional consequences of having the A14 upgraded is that they are not resurfacing it and any hardcore or other materials is being used to build flyovers etc. It has proved impossible to get suitable materials at a reasonable cost. But the Byways Committee which includes 6 Swavesey users, have decided that they will have to buy material at the higher cost and so I hope that the Byways will be better by the time you read this.

The press is full of stories about Councils having problems in making the books balance as the Government reduces the amount of grant they provide. South Cambs budget is also squeezed but the Ermine Street Housing Company is going a long way towards making up the shortfall. I was particularly concerned to learn that every new house in South Cambs costs the Authority £14 more than the District council tax, so we have to go on finding ways to raise money to provide the current level of service as more and more houses are built.

The Councils District Plan is finally nearing completion and being accepted by the inspector. I do not have a final date yet but the planners are feeling sufficiently confident to refuse some of the speculative planning applications. I think we will all welcome that.

Finally, the good news. South Cambs have been investing in eco energy schemes which are now yielding a substantial return on investment. The Council wants to spread this opportunity across District and so it is setting up a £200,000 loan and grant scheme to help residents and businesses become greener. The criteria will be issued before April 2018 but if you want solar panels on the Memorial Hall or Pavilion, a windmill generating electricity or an eco scheme which prevents heat loss - work up a business plan and talk to SCDC.

I continue to work to maintain and improve Health and Wellbeing. I am working with The Campaign to End Loneliness as well as charities to find effective ways of addressing this debilitating problem. It is challenging but the prize is great!

If you need me to sort something, get advice or have a moan, please ring me on 01954202923 or 07774146331.

Sue Ellington - South Cambs District Councillor
cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

Weds 11th April 2018, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

Village Question Time

Councillors will answer your questions on major issues affecting the village, inc:

Housing development • Flood Risk
Traffic & Highways

Plus... village annual reports from:
District & County Councils,
Village Charities, Events & Community Facilities

We look forward to seeing you there
Swavesey Parish Council | www.swavesey.org.uk

SWAVESEY PARISH

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COUNTY COUNCIL

An application to the County Council for support from their Local Highways Initiative fund to widen the footpath along Middlewatch between the Primary School gate and the Recreation Green has been made. The result is awaited.

The PC is pressing the CC to fill in and level the potholes in the guided busway car park, seek funding from the A14 community fund, and if necessary join with Over PC to carry out the work.

The Chairman, and Clerk supported by our District Councillor Sue Ellington and County Councillor Mrs Harford met with Mr G Hughes, Executive Director, Place and Economy from the CC to press for consultation with the PC when bids for payments from developers for community provision as part of the planning process are made as the PC has felt that the CC was not in touch with local needs.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The PC agreed to apply to renew the listing of The White Horse Inn in Market Street as an Asset of Community Value to safeguard its future.

Councillors attended The Parish Planning Forum with the District Council to press for various planning issues in the village. Planning and other services are to be jointly supported by SCDC and Cambridge City Council. The planning department is very short staffed and your PC are concerned that this is affecting the quality of planning decisions in our village.

The SCDC has reported that the new Local Plan is nearing agreement. This will mean our village will regain development boundaries which will reimpose limits to the development of the village.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The PC is in discussion with the Stakeholder Manager of the A14 improvement team concerning surface water drainage. This is an ongoing discussion and the PC is taking up a number of concerns it has about water draining through the village from the new A14 including discussions with the Environment Agency.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS

The PC is still trying to recruit volunteers to a Village Speedwatch Group. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to help with this.

The PC is working to recruit a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the village.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Mr Glyn Jones is seeking Parish Council Support to establish a Community Orchard in the Village. The main task is to identify a suitable affordable site. The PC has access to some funds that could help the project and gave the proposal their support

Parking in Market Street and surrounding streets continues to be a problem. The Clerk has been in contact with businesses whose staff park in Market Street to seek to reduce car use and provide more parking. Lorry deliveries and parking on the green and verges and on double yellow lines is causing damage and safety issues.

The PC is considering ways to use the two telephone boxes we have recently acquired from BT. A modest budget has been set aside to refurbish them and put them to a new use and will be

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applying for grant funding as well. The PC is considering moving the Boxworth End kiosk into the centre of the village to make it more accessible.

The PC is considering grassing over the tarmac area at the end of Market Street Green, in front of No. 37, apart from a path, once the site has been developed. This is not an adopted road but part of the Village Green which was hard surfaced years ago. Councillors will be putting notices on the windscreens of cars that are parked illegally or inconsiderately around Market Street.

The PC thanks all the volunteers who carry out litter picking in the Village.

DRAINAGE

The PC continues to pursue drainage issues associated with the river bank, Mare Fen and the A14.

Turnbridge Drain - The Environment Agency are due to clear vegetation from the drain from the High Street to Cow Fen Drove.

PLANNING

The Gladman-Burgess Development proposals for Dairy Farm appeal was held in December and the PC put its case to the Inspector. The outcome is awaited but should be known by the time the Meridian is delivered.

The application for up 56 new homes on land north of Fen Drayton Rd/west of Moat Way has been refused by the SCDC under delegated powers.

A number of other applications were discussed.

Details of the discussions on all planning applications can be found in the meeting minutes on the PC website.

The refurbishment of the listed building at 37 Market Street plus two additional houses on the site has been approved by SCDC.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The report on the findings of the consultation survey carried out across last summer has been published. The group are to engage with local groups to seek their views.

FINANCE

The Parish Council Budget for 2018/ 2019 was approved.

The Budget is set at a precept of £63,400.00, which equates to a Band D rate of £66.88 per year, an increase of £3.27 or 5.14%. Full details of the budget are available on the Parish Council website.

APRIL PARISH MEETING – Weds 11th April, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

This meeting will cover reports from various village charities and organisations over the past year. The Parish Council will also hold a 'Question Time' Forum to take questions from residents and give updates on the main issues affecting the village – see separate notice in this issue. The outcome of discussions at the Parish Meeting will be reported through minutes available on the village website.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council

Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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Why are the drove potholes so bad this year?

That's the question on everyone's lips who uses the village droves. The simple answer is we have no materials to fill the holes with, but the more complex answer is below, and is sent on behalf of Swavesey Byways Committee.

Date for your diaries: Monday 30 April 7.30pm meeting room at Memorial Hall Swavesey. Come and learn about the Swavesey Byways and see how you can help.

Swavesey has several droves (tracks) radiating out from the village. They are unique in the UK in having their own Act of Parliament, the Swavesey Byways Act. Swavesey Byways provide access to land along those byways for landowners and their visitors by whatever means of transport they each choose. The Act states that the byways should be kept to agricultural standards, and that a Swavesey Byways Committee is set up to organize the maintenance of these droves, and any other drove-related issues.

In addition our droves all have a Public Right of Way status too, either Public Footpath (walkers) or Public Bridleway (walkers, cyclists, equestrians) though through long established practice, nearly all the droves are used by all the public by any means.

The maintenance of the droves consists of two parts:

1. Funding (a Swavesey Byways levy on each drove landowner, a levy through the precept on each Swavesey parishioner, plus a contribution from South Cambs District Council). This equates to about £2,000 per year in total to cover the cost of materials for all the droves – that's not much! South Cambs DC organize the purchase of materials (road planings) and delivery of one or more 20-tonne lorry loads to most of the droves. These materials are usually bought from local roadworks and delivered late at night to each drove.

2. Volunteer labour force to spread the roadplanings into the potholes, either by hand with wheelbarrows and shovels, or with a tractor or digger if one is available. The volunteer labour force usually consists of just one landowner on each drove, despite the droves being used by 1000s of residents all year round.

The Swavesey Byways Committee usually meet once a year in January to set the levy rate and record thanks to the volunteers. In 2018, we are meeting for a second time, on Monday 30 April 2018, extending the meeting welcome to all landowners along the byways, and to all the Swavesey residents who have an interest in the droves.

The droves are a beautiful asset to the village. Those of us who drive along them can best protect them by driving REALLY SLOWLY as that helps stop the potholes in the first place.

The reason for our second meeting is that during 2017 South Cambs DC were unable to purchase any road planings. This is because the new A14 is using every scrap of roadplanings it can find as substrate for the new road. So we can only source roadplanings at a vastly inflated cost, which we can't afford. Meanwhile the potholes are getting deeper. And the volunteers are getting older, and some have sold-up too, so even if we can get materials, we may have no way of spreading them. Which is where we need your help – helping us identify a solution to both these problems.

We look forward to meeting you on Monday 30 April at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Swavesey Memorial Hall.

Swavesey Byways Committee

Events at St Andrew's Church, April to June

Teddy Bear Zip Wire Challenge and Hot Air Balloon Ride: June 9th: 2 – 5pm

Start training your teddies, hippos, monkeys and dollies for this year's Zip wire Challenge! The organiser is promising a longer and even more exciting ride this year so get training now. For the first time this year, your toys will also have a once in a life time's opportunity to fly in a hot air balloon.

The usual Soft Toy Medics will be in place to check your toy's health prior to its thrilling descent from the church tower or death defying flight into the ether. A certificate will be presented to every successful pilot. There will be other activities for children inside the church and refreshments will be available.

Reporting non-emergencies online

Non-emergency situations can now be reported to the police online if people would rather do so than call 101.

In October last year Cambridgeshire Constabulary re-launched their website with added functionality to report non-emergencies via specially designed forms or a live webchat.

The live webchat option enables people to communicate directly with a member of staff in the control room, just as would be the case when calling 101. Online forms are processed in the same way as a call and the person reporting can expect a response within 24 hours.

Due to the high level of demand there are often queues when calling 101. Reporting online is quick, easy and free of charge.

Superintendent James Sutherland said: "In the digital age people are doing more and more online. I'm pleased that our website now has increased capability to allow people to contact us in this way."

"The system went through a thorough testing process and has been used successfully thousands of times since being introduced."

"Feedback from a recent survey suggested that some people wanted to communicate directly with a person rather than submitting an online form. The webchat function allows people to do exactly that."

"Reports submitted online are treated in the same way as when people call 101 and will receive the same outcome."

To view the online reporting section of the constabulary's website visit www.cambs.police.uk/report/. The live webchat function is available by clicking on the green icon on the bottom right of the page.

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

It always feels a little strange wring this article every two months. Writing this on a cold, wet miserable day in February when I hope you are reading this on a lovely bright, sunny day in April or May. The trick is writing about something in the future that will be just in the past when you read it!

On the news front Julie, our vicar has decided to pursue God's work in a deprived area of Huddersfield from the end of April. Therefore, with our sister churches in Over, Longstanton and Willingham we will be looking to recruit a new vicar to lead us into the future. There will be a slight change of services in that the 8 a.m. service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month will be suspended and the 11 O'clock service that day will be Morning worship. Our services will be led by other local clergy and so life will carry on as normal in many respects. If you would like to use our lovely church for a wedding, baptism or funeral then please contact our team administrator or one of the churchwardens and we can arrange whatever your need.

The church building is not just for worship and is there for the whole community to use. The Church Council is keen that other activities take place in the church so that it is seen as a vibrant community asset at the heart of the village. Please come and talk to us if you would like to use the church for another purpose.

Church Roof Update. I mentioned in the last Meridian that we had been granted a first-round pass by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) who have funded activities to assess the extent of the work needed. During January we had specialist companies in to look in detail at the work needed to replace the stolen lead, masonry repairs and works to improve the drainage. All of these investigations went well with no major surprises. Our architect is now writing out the specification of works prior to us tendering the works and submission of our final costing to the HLF. To all those that buy lottery tickets thank you very much.

Finally, at this special time of the year for the Church – HAPPY EASTER.

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Morning Service
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Team Administrator or the Churchwardens:

Priest in Charge. Telephone:
Post Vacant. Email:

Team Administrator. Telephone: 01954 203459
Gillian Beal. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell. Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street Telephone: 01954 or
Email: street.el@virginmedia .com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

Children of all ages are very welcome at St Andrews. During the 11 AM service for those over 5 we hold a Youth Group each week called Branches, except, the 4th Sunday of the month when an All Age Service is held and the children take part in the service. For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have bags of books and toys for use during the services.

Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings fortnightly before the 11 a.m. service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know what we are doing please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader.

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP.

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

(including activities for children of all ages)

All are Welcome

10:45 am weekly

First Sunday in the Month

Join us for "Church Around the Coffee Table".
Why not come and try it?

Third Sunday in the Month

Join us for our Communion service at 10:45am,
and Sunday Sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Visit our website for up to date information on our monthly prayer meetings, and other regular or special events.

www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact information:	**Tel: 01954 230458**
Revd. David Mann (Minister):	**minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk**
Enquiries on youth activities:	**sam@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk**
All other enquiries:	**admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk**

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Youth Activities

Superseekers is a fun and game activities group for children.
Join us as we learn about the Christian faith through
Bible stories, Music and Biblical discussions.

The Hub is an open access youth café for students:
Wireless Internet access — Music — Xbox — Wii .
Tuckshop, Table Tennis, and many more activities.

Contact us for more details on these, and other youth activities.

Share Your Memories with us at Bethel

The foundation for the building in which we worship today was laid in **April 1868,** 150 years ago! To celebrate this Historical milestone in the community, we invite you to share with us your memories of Bethel. Send us photographs, or write short texts remembering events such as Weddings, Baptisms, or other events of fond memories. These would be used to form a collage of Bethel memories for exhibition at the village festival in July. Please extend to family and friends who have left the village too. Thank you.

CamCRAG Donations on Sat. April 7th, 10am to 1pm

CamCRAG is a registered charity, made up of people who live in and around Cambridge working to help the refugees living in the camp in Calais. They raise awareness of the situation and provide practical help to the refugees by fundraising and organising donations of clothing and other items. On Saturday April 7th, Bethel Baptist church will be acting as a local donations drop off point for CamCRAG. Please deliver men's coats, warm clothing, shoes, blankets, and sleeping bags to the church between 10am and 1pm. Visit **https://camcrag.org.uk/contact/** for more information. Thankyou.

Bethel Church is 150 years old

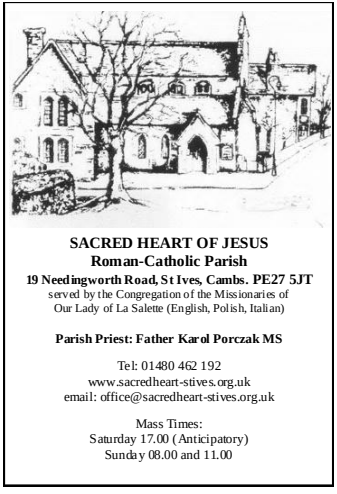
Early in 1868 a committee assembled for the purpose ,as they put it "to raise a new house of prayer". Some money had already been promised for this venture. They did not record any thing in the minute book about there meetings, it appears they just got on with.

There was already a small wooden building on the site which was opened in 1840 on land donated by Mr. William Carter, who also gave £100 towards the cost of building it. So the site must have been cleared as it is recorded that the congregation worshipped in "a comfortable temporary place at the back of the pastor's residence."

Mr John Mitham, great, great, grandfather to John Shepperson, was given the contract to build "The New Baptist Chapel". The foundation stone was laid by George Levitt Esq. on April 9th 1868, "a cold and stormy day", not much has changed there! Mr. Levitt came from Cambridge. The architect was R. Hutchinson Esq.

Mr. Mitham certainly got on with the job as the building was opened on September 22nd in the same year. The sermons on that momentous day were preached by Rev. W.G. Lewis and Rev. J.A. Spurgeon, brother to the great Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

The cost of the new building which included a "schoolroom" at the back was £850. Now weathered and showing her age Bethel still stands as a memorial to the foresight of that 1868 committee and the skill of our local craftsmen.



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Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. **See** http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ **or Email:** clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact Heather Maloney e: himaloney@googlemail.com Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact Lisa Boyes e: windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact Jim Burling e: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues, contact Lynda Mayer e: s.mayer@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk, We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.

Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

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Swavesey Primary School	01954-273312	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/
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The Five Pub Challenge

2018 edition!

Sunday 13th May

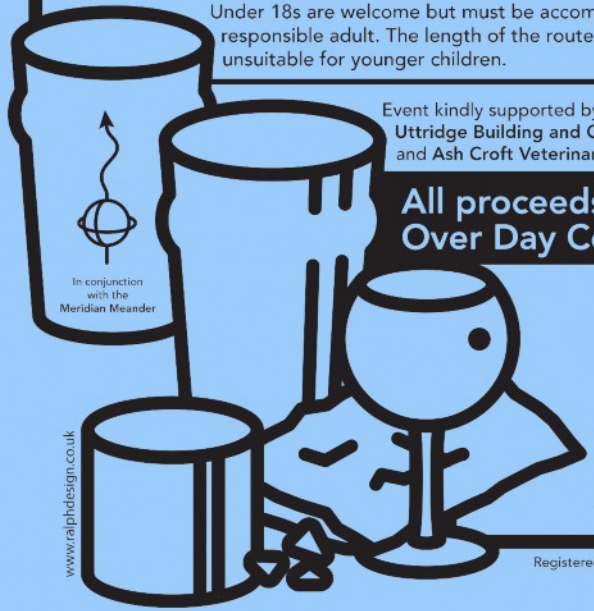
Meet at Over Day Centre for bacon rolls, tea, coffee, and 10.30am start, then a 12.5 mile walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, then **The Ferry Boat** (for free soup and a roll), and on to **The Three Tuns** (free cone of chips if you get there before 2.30pm) and **The White Horse** (free choc ice to cool you down) before returning for free homemade cake & finisher's certificate at **The Admiral Vernon**.

£10 entry fee in advance, or £12 entry on the day from 9.30am.

Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from *www.overdaycentre.co.uk* or telephoning **01954 231807**.

Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.



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The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 13th May 2018

Fancy the challenge of a long distance walk or run whilst helping to raise funds for a local older persons charity?

Join us for one of the **Meridian Meander** circular routes of **18** or **26 miles** in length!

Both routes follow the valley of the River Great Ouse, passing through historic St Ives and its picturesque surrounding villages.

Start between 8.00 and 9.00am from **The Over Day Centre**, where hot bacon rolls and a cuppa can be bought to help you on your way.

Free light refreshments will be provided at checkpoints on the route. Finish at **Over Community Centre** for a certificate and free piece of cake!

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry is £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18). Entry forms can be downloaded from www.overdaycentre.co.uk/events

Closing date 9th May. **NO ENTRY ON DAY**

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

Any questions? please contact Allison Box: amsdjb@yahoo.co.uk

Event kindly supported by **Nick Uttridge Building and Groundworks** and **Ash Croft Veterinary Practice**

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Saturday 12th May 2018

Swavesey Village College

3.15pm & 7.30pm

All tickets: £9
Family ticket: (4 people) £30

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